

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chairman Rick Laible, on January 28, 2009 at 3 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gary Branae (D)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SJ 3, 1/15/2009
Executive Action: None

00:01:35 Casey Barrs, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
Pertaining to confirmation hearings for Board of
Regents and Board of Public Education.
00:03:16 Sen. McGee
00:03:32 Casey Barrs
00:03:39 Sen. McGee

HEARING ON SJ 3

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:30 Sen. Rick Laible (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SJ
3, Interim study to consider establishment of Montana
Scholarship Program.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:37 Phyllis Taylor, Patrick F. Taylor Foundation
[EXHIBIT](#)(eds20a01)

00:27:58 Bill Schilling, Wyoming Business Alliance/Taylor
Foundation
00:33:43 Sheila Stearns, Commissioner of Higher Education
00:37:19 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
00:39:50 Kelly Chapman, Student Assistance Foundation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:41:01 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:41:39 Sen. Brown
00:42:15 Bill Schilling
00:45:25 Sen. Brown
00:45:57 Bill Schilling
00:47:45 Sen. Hawks
00:48:17 Bill Schilling
00:48:46 Sen. Hawks
00:48:59 Bill Schilling
00:49:54 Sen. Branae
00:50:39 Bill Schilling
00:51:59 Sen. Branae
00:52:13 Bill Schilling

Closing by Sponsor:

00:53:04 Sen. Laible

00:56:41 recess

00:59:21 reconvene

After an informal discussion Chairman Laible decided not to take any executive action.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:01 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([eds20aad.pdf](#))